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Serial No.: 09/600,787
Filed: July 21, 2000
For: FROZEN FOOD PRODUCT

Group: 1638
Examiner: C. Collins
Edgewater, New Jersey 07020

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding restriction requirement mailed February 27, 2002, a three month extension of time for response to which is being requested, please consider the following provisional election and traverse in connection with the above identified patent application.

Provisional Election

Applicants hereby elect provisionally, without prejudice, the claims of Group I, with traverse.

The Examiner has objected that the application contains a total of five inventions (listed as Groups I-V) which do not relate to a single general inventive concept and requires Applicant to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted. Applicants wish, of course, to reserve the right to file continuing applications to the non-elected subject matter.

The Office argues that the inventions listed as Group I-V lack the same or corresponding special technical features. It is stated that an antifreeze protein which can be derived from plants does not constitute a special technical feature because it does not define a contribution over the prior art. Applicants contend that the special technical feature is not simply an antifreeze protein, which can be derived from plants but is an antifreeze protein, obtainable from plants, which has the stated amino acid composition. Applicants submit that this is neither disclosed nor rendered obvious by the cited prior art. The remaining groups of inventions identified by the Examiner are all clearly linked by this technical feature; group II is drawn to the gene sequence encoding the protein, Group III to a food product comprising the protein; Group IV to a method for preparing it and Group V to a plant capable of expressing it.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that there is a sufficient link such that it would be sensible to examine all the claims in a single application. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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